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Honorable Felix J. Boudreaux
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State of Louisiana
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RE: HEARING APPLICATION
Cotton Valley D Zone, Reservoir A
South Drew Field
Ouachita Parish, Louisiana
Our File No. 310254.1

Dear Sir:

On behalf of JM EXPLORATION COMPANY, L.L.C., application is hereby made for a public hearing to receive evidence concerning the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley D Zone, Reservoir A, in the South Drew Field, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana:

- (1) To approve the drilling, designation and utilization of the Brammer Engineering, Inc.-McLaughlin No. 1 Well as the unit well for CV D RA SUX at the location shown on the revised plat attached hereto, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 904-A-1, effective April 10, 1975.
- (2) To designate Brammer Engineering, Inc., as Operator of CV D RA SUX.
- (3) To redefine the Cotton Valley D Zone, Reservoir A, INSOFAR AND ONLY INSOFAR AS TO CV D RA SUX, as that gas and condensate bearing zone occurring between the depths of 9,050 feet and 9,116 feet (electric log measurements) in the Ocean Energy, Inc. (formerly Franks & Bass, et al.)-Verdie Wasson No. 1 Well, located in Section 33, Township 18 North, Range 3 East, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.
- (4) To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Cotton Valley D Zone, Reservoir A, in the South Drew Field, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 904-A, effective March 22, 1973.

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Pertinent data concerning the intended application will be made available for inspection at the offices of JM Exploration Company, L.L.C., 416 Travis Street, Suite 1414, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. David Meadows at (318) 425-7617 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

A list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties (as defined in the Rules of Procedure) is attached hereto, and a copy of this application, with the revised plat, is being sent to each of such persons. A reasonable effort has been made to determine that the enclosed list includes all of the persons to whom this notice must be sent under the Rules of Procedure. The Applicant will also arrange for mailing, posting and publication of the legal notice of this hearing in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.


A Pre-Application Conference was held at the offices of Blanchard, Walker, O'Quin & Roberts, 15th Floor Conference Room, Bank One Tower, 400 Texas Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, on March 28, 2002. In addition to the Applicant's representatives, said conference was attended by the parties shown on the attached attendance list. Following a presentation by Applicant's representatives as to the bases for its proposal, a general discussion ensued. Ocean Energy, Inc. reserved its rights to file an opposition.

A check in the amount of \$700.00 made payable to the Commissioner of Conservation is enclosed herewith as the statutory fee for holding the requested hearing.

This application is being filed in duplicate, and a copy hereof is being sent to Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport District Manager of the Office of Conservation and to each Interested Owner, Represented Party and Interested Party whose name is shown on the attached list.

Very truly yours,

BLANCHARD, WALKER, O'QUIN & ROBERTS

By: 

Wm. Timothy Allen III

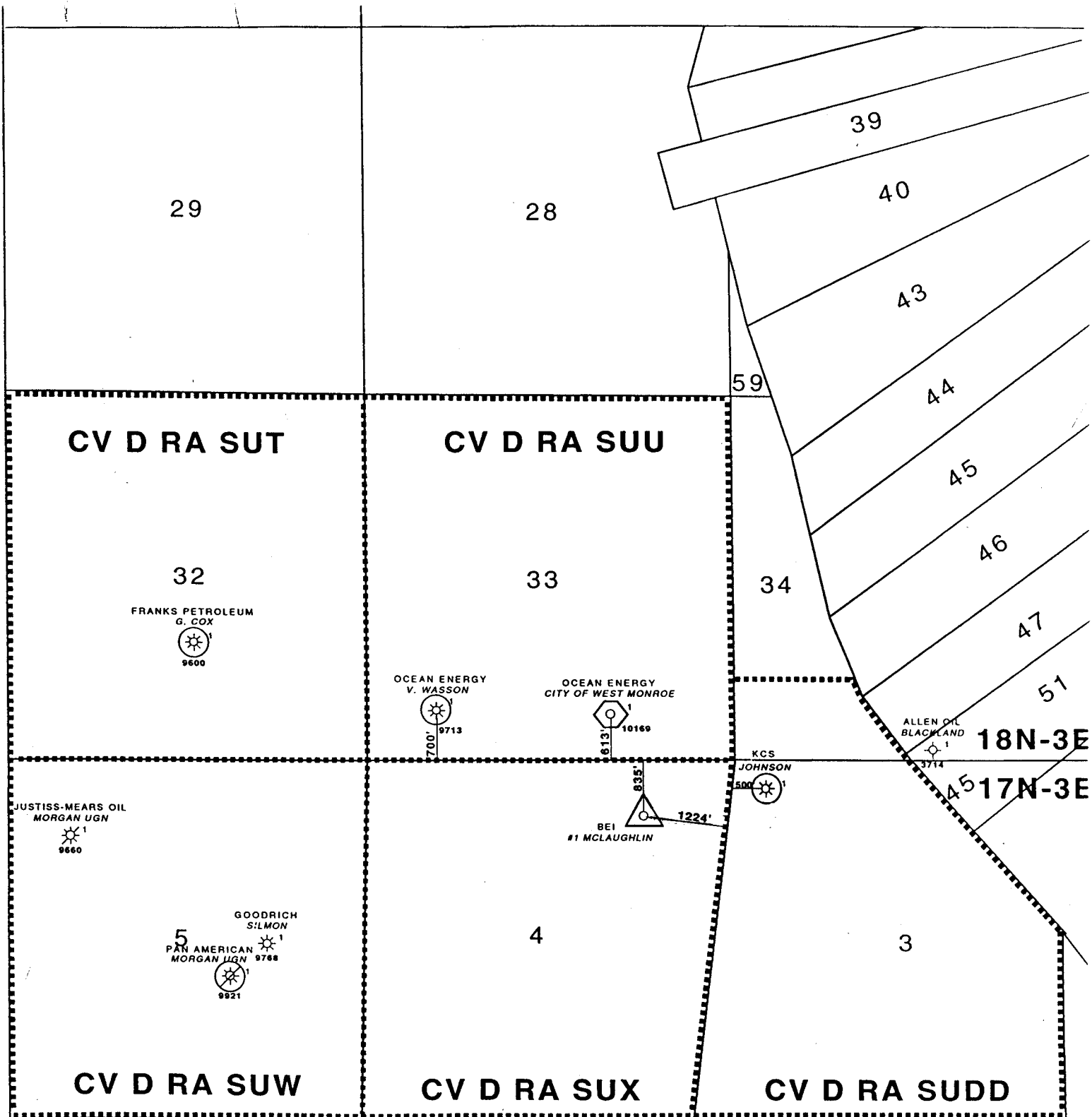
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Enclosures

cc: Mr. James C. Broussard, Shreveport
District Manager, Office of Conservation
(w/enclosures)

cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of revised plat
and attendance list only)



LEGEND

----- EXISTING COTTON VALLEY D ZONE RESERVOIR A SAND UNITS PER ORDER 904-A SERIES



EXISTING COTTON VALLEY D ZONE RESERVOIR A UNIT WELLS 904-A SERIES



PROPOSED COTTON VALLEY D ZONE UNIT WELL



APPROVED CV D ZONE RESERVOIR A ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

Docket No.

Date

Exhibit 1

JM EXPLORATION COMPANY, L.L.C.
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

SOUTH DREW FIELD
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COTTON VALLEY D ZONE RESEVOIR A
UNIT PLAT

